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Speaker Forms House Select Committee on Medicaid Modernization

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – House Speaker Allan Bense today announced the formation of the Select Committee on Medicaid Reform, to gather information and receive public input in regard to proposed Medicaid changes.

“We cannot continue asking Florida taxpayers to write Medicaid an ever-increasing blank check every year. We need to find a way to stabilize the spiraling costs of how the state provides its neediest citizens with access to quality health care,” said Speaker Bense. “If we’re going to solve this problem, we’re going to need a lot of help. This select committee will allow us to hear from Medicaid recipients, providers and experts as we search for the best solution for everyone involved.”

Members of the committee include: Rep Aaron Bean, Rep. Holly Benson, Rep. Joyce Cusack, Rep. Anne Gannon, Rep. Andy Gardiner, Rep. Mark Mahon, Rep. Joe Negron, Rep. Marco Rubio and Rep. Eleanor Sobel.

The Speaker has asked the committee to analyze the reform plan proposed by Governor Bush, listen to suggestions from the public and work with the Senate and Governor’s Office to evaluate the options available for Medicaid reform.

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